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**From:** Hedman, Susan  
**Sent:** Tue 4/15/2014 3:08:40 PM  
**Subject:** FW: ECOS followup + info on June meetings in Chicago

**From:** Hyde, Tinka  
**Sent:** Monday, April 14, 2014 8:39 AM  
**To:** Hedman, Susan  
**Cc:** Mathur, Bharat  
**Subject:** RE: ECOS followup + info on June meetings in Chicago

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**From:** Hedman, Susan  
**Sent:** Friday, April 11, 2014 2:22 PM  
**To:** Hyde, Tinka  
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**From:** Butler, Craig [<mailto:Craig.Butler2@epa.ohio.gov>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 05, 2014 1:42 PM  
**To:** Hedman, Susan  
**Subject:** Re: ECOS followup + info on June meetings in Chicago

Susan.

Good to meet you. Thank you for the files. We will discuss with my program staff about improvement opportunities.

Our surface water permit staff are scheduled to meet via phone this week to discuss the Bennoc coal permit. This is a priority issue for me to resolve and appreciate Kevin and Tinka working with the staff to resolve any last issues so we can issue a final permit without any objections.

We have a schedule to issue all other coal npdes new and renewal permits. If you would like to discuss the schedule we've developed let me know.

We issued new air general permits this week that I think you find positive regarding oil and gas drilling operations. Once again I think we are a leading state with respect to requiring drillers to identify and fix leaks. If you would like me to share this with you I'd be glad to forward.

We discussed briefly the upcoming discussion about the request from the Ohio environmental council and Sierra club to have USEPA take an action against Ohio regarding expired permits. Unfamiliar with the process, I wondered if this is something we could discuss, or not?

Regards.

Craig

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 4, 2014, at 6:09 PM, "Hedman, Susan" <[hedman.susan@epa.gov](mailto:hedman.susan@epa.gov)> wrote:

**From:** Hedman, Susan  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2014 4:50 PM  
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It was great to see so many Region 5 states represented at the ECOS meeting earlier this week in California. I learned a lot from the presentations —and I especially enjoyed our Region 5 breakfast meeting and numerous sidebar discussions. Many thanks to those of you who made positive comments about our work together in Region 5 during the closed session on Tuesday afternoon. We've built terrific relationships over the past several years and I look forward to continuing to build on those relationships as we work together in the future.

As requested, I am attaching electronic copies of the permit backlog statistics that we discussed during our breakfast and sending written confirmation of the date and time we selected for our next regional meeting:

State Commissioners Meeting

June 3, 2014    1:30 – 4:30

US EPA Region 5 Office – Chicago

I have also confirmed that the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission reception at the Shedd Aquarium will start at 6:30 pm on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and that the GLWQA Great Lakes Executive

Committee meeting will run from 8:30 – 5:30 on June 4<sup>th</sup>. My hope is that by scheduling these events on consecutive days we will be able to have all six state commissioners present at both meetings.

Please submit suggestions for our June 3rd agenda by the middle of May. Per our discussion at ECOS, I have already noted that the agenda should include items relating to the 111(d) rulemaking, chemical storage safety and transportation of oil/hazardous materials.

Have a nice weekend,

Susan

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